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In re application of:

Nicolas John Dougill et al.

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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 5, 2003 setting forth a restriction requirement, applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I defined by claims 1-11, 19-29 and 37.

In making this election, applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application under 35 USC 121 containing claims 12-18, 30-36 and 38 directed to the invention of Group II.

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Favorable action on this application is respectfully requested.

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